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AIR FREIGHT UP 2.1% IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 13, 1990 -- Air freight increased 2.1 percent in May, compared with May a year ago, and was down 0.1 percent for the first five months of 1990, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in May was up 2.1 percent. Mail increased 8.3 percent, and total cargo grew 3.4 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight in May increased 2.0 percent, and mail increased 3.8 percent. Total cargo was up 2.2 percent.

Domestic air freight in the first five months increased 0.6 percent, and mail registered a 3.7 percent increase. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, increased 1.3 percent.

International air freight during the first five months of 1990 was down 0.7 percent. Mail increased 3.2 percent, and total cargo declined 0.4 percent.

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PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
MAY	1990	417,037	112,068	529,105	427,799	37,392	465,191	844,836	994,296
MAY	1989	408,355	103,494	511,849	419,326	36,036	455,362	827,681	967,211
PERCENT CHANGE		2.1	8.3	3.4	2.0	3.8	2.2	2.1	2.8
5 MONTHS	1990	1,959,565	562,235	2,521,800	2,041,284	186,698	2,227,982	4,000,849	4,749,782
5 MONTHS	1989	1,948,580	542,025	2,490,605	2,056,507	180,970	2,237,477	4,005,087	4,728,082
PERCENT CHANGE		0.6	3.7	1.3	(0.7)	3.2	(0.4)	(0.1)	0.5

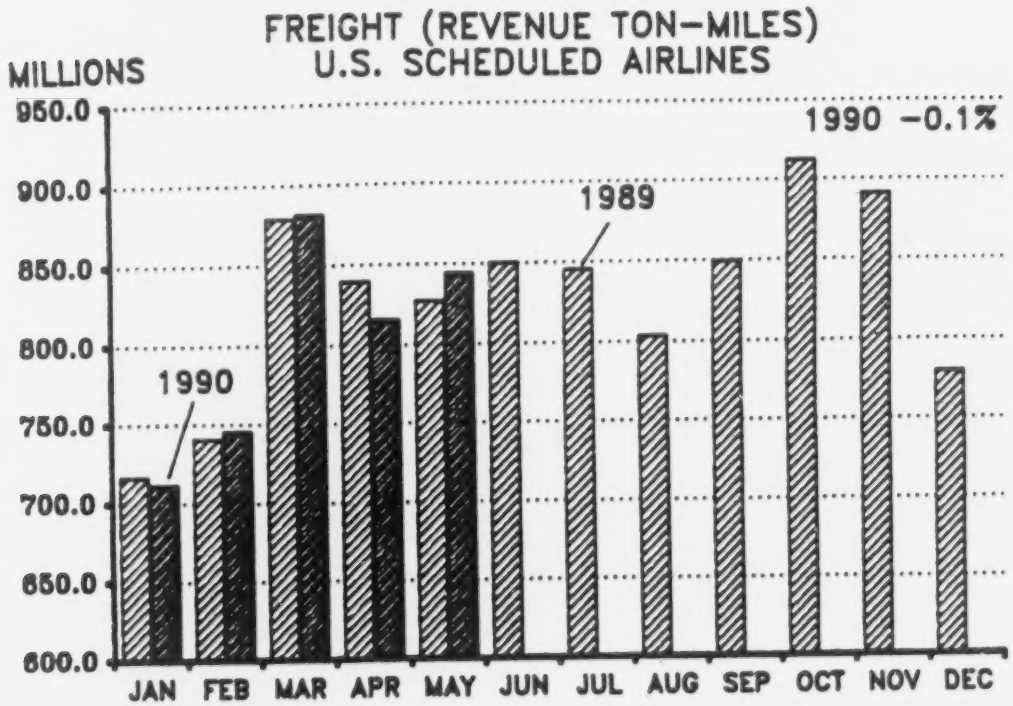
1) Carriers included : Alaska, Aloha, American, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.

Note : USAir numbers include Piedmont, and Federal Express Numbers include Flying Tiger

PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE TON-MILES (In Thousands) FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1989			
January	716,940	141,904	858,844
February	740,982	135,429	876,411
March	879,481	159,265	1,038,746
April	840,003	146,867	986,870
May	827,681	139,530	967,211
June	850,778	140,874	991,652
July	845,746	131,442	977,188
August	803,904	146,900	950,804
September	849,871	138,905	988,776
October	912,521	147,344	1,059,865
November	891,341	155,788	1,047,129
December	780,114	239,787	1,019,901
TOTAL 1989	9,939,362	1,824,035	11,763,397
Jan - May 1989	4,005,087	722,995	4,728,082
1990			
January	712,032	150,784	862,816
February	745,781	139,790	885,571
March	882,004	161,038	1,043,042
April	816,196	147,861	964,057
May	844,836	149,460	994,296
TOTAL 1990	4,000,849	748,933	4,749,782

	PERCENT CHANGE FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1990/1989 May	2.1	7.1	2.8
Jan - May	-0.1	3.6	0.5


FREIGHT (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
950.0
900.0
850.0
800.0
750.0
700.0
650.0
600.0
1990 -0.1%
1989
1990
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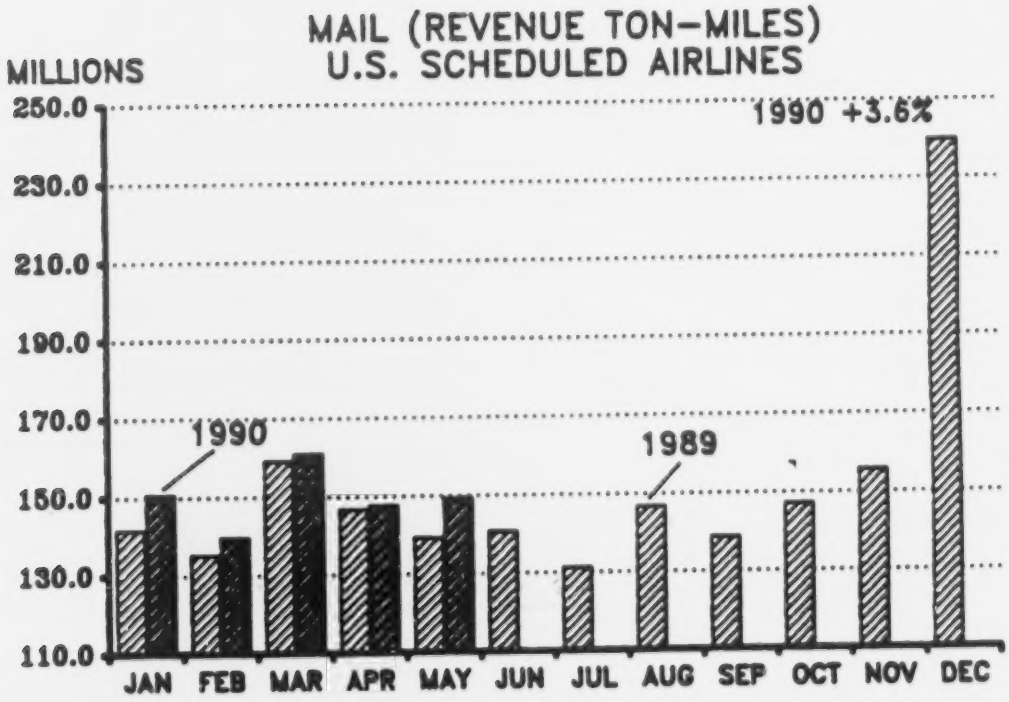
MAIL (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
250.0
230.0
210.0
190.0
170.0
150.0
130.0
110.0
1990 +3.6%
1990
1989
JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC